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Serving Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, and Live Oak Counties

President's Message

By Graciela Estringel, Chapter President



"President's Quote for the month"

"You cannot kindle a fire in any other heart until it is burning within your own."

Source: Elmor Doon

Dear Beta Pi sisters,

Summer activities for school personnel have come to an end and a new school year has begun! Can you believe how quickly all this has happened? It seems like just yesterday we were attending TSO Convention in McAllen. (Please check our website for some great photos.)

I hope all of you, including the retirees, got at least two weeks of good rest. Now it is time to begin a new year with DKG. Please make a pledge to attend at least four of the six meetings and to take an active role in the Society. This places you in the realm of a highly committed member, and that must be everyone's goal. This is what TSO President, Jo Anne Davis, means with her biennium theme, "EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES, LET OUR VISION LIGHT THE WAY". When members are committed the possibilities are endless and our vision will surely light the way to new heights in personal and professional accomplishments.

Some pretty exciting things happened at the state convention. Action was taken on business items impacting every DKG member. Our local chapter must make some serious decisions. I hope you will attend the meeting on Sept. 10 and let your voice be heard concerning these matters.

For those sisters who are actively employed, I wish you a most successful academic year. I know you are dedicated to the students you serve. That is what prompted someone to recommend you for membership in this prestigious society in the first place. Keep up the good work. For those of you that are retired I wish you much deserved pure bliss!

See you at the meeting.

In Beta Pi,
Graciela Estringel

The Beta Pi Vision

"Our chapter will have active and involved members who continuously and enthusiastically contribute their time and talents to our chapter projects and activities, thus promoting excellence in our profession and services to others while affirming their worth in our Society."

September Meeting

Program: Starting the New Year

Date: Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Adult Learning Center (ALC) Previously Nayer School

501 Cactus, Alice (Parking lot is on the east side of the building. If you have any questions, please call Mellie Smithwick (361-562-3648))

Hostesses: Executive Board

Lunch—Sack Lunch—(Subway, Pizza Hut, El Jalicense, and La Paletera are among some of the places in Alice where you may pick up a good lunch. Hostesses will supply paper products, drinks, dessert, and door prize.)

2011-12 Meeting Sites

The Executive Board discussed meeting sites at length this summer. Most members responding to the survey felt meeting at restaurants was not a good idea. It took too long to get our meals, (contributing to lengthier meetings) there was little privacy at most restaurants, and the noise level at some places made it difficult to hear discussions, presentations, etc. It was also expensive. Especially when meeting at the Alice Country Club. This year meetings will be held at church halls, schools, and a home. Refreshments will be kept to a bare minimum. A drink and cookies or cake will suffice. The exception is the November meeting. The traditional covered dish was moved to November, when our new Area Coordinator, Kitty Hutchcroft, will visit our chapter.

A list of meeting dates and sites with a magnetic backing will be available soon. The Executive Board hopes this will solve some of the problems encountered last year.

REMINDER:

The first reading for new member recommendations will take place at this month's meeting. If you have a prospective member in mind, please fill out a New Member Recommendation Form and have it ready for the Sept. 10th meeting. Second readings will take place in Oct. along with voting. New members will be initiated in November. Membership guidelines are found on the International and state websites:

<http://www.dkg.org> (International) and

<http://www.alphastatetexas.org> (TSO)

Please look for the New Member Recommendation Form in Beta Pi's website:

<http://www.orgsites.com/tx.beta-pi/pgg3.php3>

Got news for the Tattler?

Send to:

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TID BITS:

Dues deadline is Oct. 31. You may pay Treasurer Gracie Uribe-Cano in two installments, however you must give her your TWO checks in Sept.

Marta Teresa Villarreal is now teaching Pre-Kindergarten at Lasater School in Falfurrias. She joins her Beta Pi sister, Sylvia Braswell, who also teaches Pre-Kinder at Lasater.

Jennifer Maldonado, who recently became the San Diego High School counselor, is expecting her third child. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Yvonne Munoz was named Assistant Principal at San Diego High School. Congratulations, Yvonne!

Miss Luz Lopez Lira, a former long time Beta Pi member, passed away this summer in Benavides, Tx. Ms. Elva Garcia and Gracie Uribe-Cano attended services.



Birthday Wishes to:

Camilla Nichols 9-21

Dolores (Dolly) Toews 9-28

Mary Jo Martinez 9-30

Bouquets of Roses

Roster...

Red roses to Elva Garcia, Maria Luisa Herrera, Debbie Redding, Adela Navarro, Gracie Uribe Cano, Gracie Gonzales, Marta Teresa Villarreal, and Grace Estringel for having attended the ISO Convention in McAllen. They did a great job of taking part in preparing for the Birthday Luncheon and the Presidents' Banquet. This included preparing the chapter's Texas Treasure Boxes and placing all collected boxes on tables before the Birthday Luncheon. They also helped prepare the Saturday night banquet tables.

Red roses to Maria Luisa Herrera. She was honored at ISO Convention in McAllen for 50+ years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Red roses to all who participated in programs, chapter activities, projects, and chapter meetings. Your participation earned Beta Pi an Honorable Mention PACE Award.

Red roses to Elva Garcia, Gracie Uribe-Cano, Debbie Redding Marta Teresa Villarreal, and Grace Estringel for meeting this summer to plan the 2011-12 Program of Work.

Red roses to Elva Garcia, 1st V-P and Program of Work Chairman. The program she and her committee planned and implemented for the Feb. 2011 meeting earned our chapter an Annie Award.

Red roses to Adela Navarro upon her retirement from San Diego Independent School District.

Red roses to Letty Vera for her part in organizing PRIDE, Premont Residents Involved in Dynamic Education, a steering committee to improve Premont schools.

Red roses to Pam Garcia, who produced the movie "All She Can". It premiered this summer in selected theatres across the U.S.

White roses to Sylvia Braswell upon the death of her brother-in-law, Daniel Braswell.

White roses to Gracie Gonzales upon the death of her mother-in-law, Maria G. Gonzales.